

Surah 95 Surah Teen

THE FIG

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TEEN AND THE PRECEDING SURAHS

Surah Duha consoles Rasulullaah ﷺ, while *Surah Inshiraah* consoles the *Mu'mineen*. Now *Surah Teen* cites five proofs by which it is established that man has attained a high status solely because of his belief in *Towheed*. Allaah has granted man beauty as well as intellect so that he may understand the truth. However, because of man's inability to use this intellect, he has rejected the truth and lowered himself to earn the lowest levels of Jahannam.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The first four verses of the *Surah* present four proofs to substantiate the fact that man has been created in the best of moulds. Verse 5 mentions the punishment for evil doers, after which verse 6 makes an exception of the *Mu'mineen*, for they will receive grand rewards from Allaah. Allaah concludes the *Surah* by stating the final proof.

سُورَةُ التِّينِ مَكِّيَّةٌ مِّنْ مَّا نَزَّلْنَا نَبِيًّا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

وَالَّتَيْنِ وَالزَّيْتُونِ ١

1. By the (oath of the) fig and the olive!

وَصُورِ سَيْنَاءَ ٢

2. By (the oath of) Mount Sinai!

وَهَذَا الْبَلَدِ الْأَمِينِ ٣

3. By (the oath of) this peaceful city (of Makkah) !

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ ٤

4. Undoubtedly, We created man in the best form. (Compared to other creatures, man's physique is certainly more beautiful and he also has intelligence which the others do not possess also power of choice.)

ثُمَّ رَدَدْنَاهُ أَسْفَلَ سَافِلِينَ ٥

5. Thereafter, (as he reaches old age) We relegate (reduce) him to the lowest of the low (when he becomes too weak to walk upright and even loses his intelligence as senility sets in. This verse also refers to the Kuffaar who become worse than animals when they choose to reject Allaah)...

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ ٦

6. ... (this is the condition of all men) except those who have Imaan and who carry out good deeds. (Instead of old age hampering their lives, the Mu'mineen use the free time in their old age to engage in Ibaadah.)
Theirs shall be a reward (in the Aakhirah) that will never come to an end. (limitless)

فَمَا يَكْذِبُكَ بَعْدُ بِالذِّينِ ٧

7. (After witnessing Allaah's ability to create and degenerate,) What is it then that makes you deny Reckoning (on the Day of Qiyaamah)? (When Allaah is Capable of doing the many great things that you see, why do you deny His ability to resurrect people after death?)

أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَحْكَمِ الْحَاكِمِينَ ٨

8. Is Allaah not the Greatest of all rulers? (Allaah has complete control over all affairs in this world and the Aakhirah and can do as He pleases in both.)